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THE PROVINCE OF PRAYER.

The next law or condition of success is *faith*. It hardly needs illustration. It is a *sine qua non* for coming into God, receiving, or dispensing His spirit. Moreover, it is most simple, easy and natural of all conditions, the others having first been complied with. It almost becomes a natural consequence of earnestness and holy living. The chief difficulty of its exercise is when its object is

Such were some words that came with terrible emphasis from that solemn stranger, and then went burning down into a thousand quaking hearts, and here and there one went home at night with a great professor, passing arm in arm slowly toward an animated discussion of the doctrine of the hour.

Years afterward I heard his again. He seen service in the interval; had been about through the streets of Boston, pressed upon "men of property and standing," and his presence had been felt in the halls of the representative of Boston aristocracy, intelligence, refinement, the great and good Channing, by him in that hour of gloom. Garrison was mature and mighty, and it was under the shield of old conservative Andover that I heard him a second time. He had long done reasoning of his inherent and unutterable wrong of slavery, but he had not been able to call this his own, an open question. He denounced the thousands of common men would denounce highway rob-

world all the flesh, through the ministry of power, shall then appear, and we shall see the triumph of these "light afflictions, have wrought out for us eternal weight of glory." I. E. S. S.

FOR Zion's Herald.

INDEPENDENCE.

We all honor independent men. We admire their noble bearing. How essential is this element of character in the jostling, uncertain world. I feel that one who is continually at the mercy of others, a hanger on upon the skirts of society. He moves as others move, and thinks as they think. Other men feed him with their spoils. He is a victim of their craft. How unmanly a degrading.

But many persons do not seem to understand what true independence is. Its nature should be studied. It is not boisterous, nor arrogant, nor surly, nor defiant in its air. It is characterized by a steady, unobtrusive, unassuming, unswaggering, or grandeur. Xor is it disposed to boast boasting how much it disregards the opinions of others. True independence, thou

was developed under the Wesleyan teaching. They told it, and organized into a church the countless hearers of their story.

"I have seen some of those strange scenes, tireless work, and wonderful success."

We cannot here mention many of the names of those who were so much mustered into service with one, namely, Francis Asbury. If he did not first plant Methodism in the New World, he certainly made it flourish there. Under his vigilant eye it grew from a "miserable, reek shaken by the wind," into a tree, sheltering thousands of souls. He was a powerful preaching preacher and between two and three hundred thousand members. He rode over the country almost without rest, and at great personal threat on horseback, visiting the churches, and exhorting the people. He was crowded with work, yet he never seemed tired; he had no time to spare, very hours seemed too lag; he had no time to marry, no time for intentional recreation; but he was full of life, and his health was sustained by close social intercourse. He was frank as lightning, and his conversation was free and unreserved, and yet retiring and mysterious. His appearance was that of a simple man, dressed in plain clothing which knew how to disclose itself upon a stirring occasion. He was the bishop of a continent, and yet the elder brother of the commonest peasant, and he would not use it like a father. Under his labors and rule the denomination grew

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the outside and inside walls is filled solidly with earth, and the top of the lake is about eight some twelve or fifteen feet above the surface; at once anchoring the whole structure, and effectively preventing all sliding. The shafts, especially the larger ones, some two or three miles high, with an observatory on the summit, a steam engine of twenty-five horse-power on one end, and a large room for the engine on the other, a large room, kitchen, and every convenience. Forty men live here, and find it a warm and comfortable life. They work by relays, day and night, like the coal-pit, and the shafts are worked by the use of the steam-engine to raise and lower the platform in the central shaft, down which the ropes and the buckets with brick and cement are lowered. The shafts are excavated through the rock to be dumped into the lake through an inclined shaft. This shaft, seventy feet long and twenty feet in diameter, is made of iron plates bolted together. Its lower end is about twenty feet below the bed of the lake. At the bottom of this chamber, called the "Adit," has been hollowed out, in which refuse may be deposited and will sink, in fine retorts, while the platform

serve you, if you gave the same cause. To every one, therefore, see that you do care for it as much as I do. I have no doubt that there is no parade, whose voice is still to be heard, and which manifest themselves by tender affectionate looks and a ready eye to catch others the preference in every enjoyment at the table, in the field, walking, sitting, or sitting down.

PASTORAL DUTIES.—There never was a time when there was more faithful preaching than at present. There are no revivals, but there is no *earnest personal appeal*. For want of it many of the deepest prayers and products in the sanctuary are now faced. Personal appeals joined to public ministrations would impress many of our people who are now indifferent. And how large a number of those who rarely or never visit the sanctuary. Are they to be passed over? Then becomes of the injunction to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature?—*Morning Star.*

True love to Christ can walk on the water and drown, and lie on the shore without being hurt.

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WEEKLY SUMMARY.

Congressional.

Senate.—Monday, February 8, Mr. Wilson presented a petition of Gen. Sheridan and other officers for increase of pay. The House, for a joint resolution passed by the House, for a joint resolution changing the basis of representation. Mr. Sumner made a speech in opposition to the amendment, and proposed an amendment to the bill, making all persons equal before the law in all political rights.

Tuesday, Mr. Sumner, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, reported a bill to authorize the appointment of a diplomatic representative to the Republic of Honduras.

Wednesday, the bill to prevent the re-registration of American vessels that had been changed to foreign registers during the rebellion was passed. Mr. Fessenden spoke in favor of the proposed Constitutional amendment, and reviewed Mr. Sumner's speech. No action was taken on the bill.

Thursday, the Freedmen's Bureau bill was passed as amended and passed by the House, except that the Senate would not restrict the operation of the bill to the States in which the habeas corpus was suspended in Feb. 1, 1862.

House.—Monday, the Committee on Reconstruction were instructed to consider the bill to amend the National Capitol to a site that may be commodious to the population, and give greater security to Congress by removing it from possible reach of foreign enemies, and from domestic menaces.

Tuesday, the House passed the Freedmen's Bureau bill as amended by the Committee on Reconstruction. The vote stood, 156 to 33. The bill was passed granting authority to transfer Berkeley and Jefferson Counties from Virginia to West Virginia.

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This is the kind of State governments that Congress is Constitutionally obliged to guarantee; and this duty is not performed until those governments are represented at the polls. If the blacks are not permitted to vote, they ought not to be taxed. The Constitution of the original thirteen States made no distinction on account of color, except South Carolina. Alexander Hamilton said of slaves, "that if the laws were to restore the rights which have been taken away, the negroes could no longer be refused an equal share of representation with the other inhabitants."

Senator Fessenden's Speech.—Senator Fessenden, on the 7th inst., the imputation of Senator Sumner that the amendment concerning the Freedmen's Bureau bill "all men are free and equal." He considers it the duty of Congress to do the best it can to protect the rights of the freedmen. If we let the Constitution alone, as Mr. Sumner proposes, and content ourselves with passing an act for their protection, the very act is a Constitutional amendment granting negro suffrage, it would be rejected. The amendment before the Senate will probably be ratified by the States. It will then hold out an inducement to States to abolish caste distinctions. The Republican government which Congress is bound to maintain is that in which there is no color line, and the color line looks upon as an officer of the law, just as much as the man who enters the jury box, therefore he does not consider it inevitable that a person ought to vote because he is free, or because a matter of taxes; if so, women as well as men must be included.

The President and the Colored Delegation.—The delegates representing the colored people, had an audience with the President on the 7th inst. Their President, George L. Downing, the delegate from New England, introduced them. He pleaded that the blacks are loyal, that they need protection from the oppressor, and as American citizens they asked to be fully enfranchised. Mr. Frederick Douglass then submitted the fact that they "are a people of the future, and subject to the future, subject to volunteer in the service of the country, subject to be drafted; subject to bear the burdens of the State." Considering these things, he thought it not improper to ask to share in the privileges also.

President Johnson replied. He reminded the delegates that he had risked "life, liberty and property" as a free man, and he would not be the friend of the colored man. He has bought slaves, but never sold one. He repeated what he had said before, that "if the colored man in the United States could find no other Moses—or any Moses that would be more efficient than myself—I would be his Moses to lead him from bondage to freedom."

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facts showing that in the South there is a majority hostile to the government and its supporters, and that there is a loyal minority that ought to be protected.

Political.

The Connecticut Democratic State Convention nominated James E. English for Governor, on the 7th inst., at Hartford. They endorse President Johnson as an opponent of negro suffrage. [He says he would be glad to have the negroes gain that privilege in the twinkling of an eye, claim that the Southern representatives have a right to seats in Congress, and that it is the duty of Congress to attend to the interests of the white man.]

The Democratic State Convention of New Hampshire nominated John G. Sinclair for Governor, on the 7th inst. Their resolutions are similar to those of the Connecticut Convention. One resolution announces as a starting fact that the State debt is \$1,000,000. The State Auditor says the debt is \$1,395,470.74.

Foreign.

It is stated that Gen. Prim has been forced into Portugal. The news is not confirmed by Spanish official sources.

The cattle plague in England continues to increase; the latest weekly returns show for the first time over 10,000 cases.

Our Consul at Rotterdam, in a dispatch to the State Department, dated Jan. 10, says the cattle plague is still on the increase in Holland, and has extended to the province of North Brabant.

George Joachim Goshen, Member of Parliament from London, has been invited to a seat in Earl Russell's Cabinet. He is but thirty-four years old. The Amazon alone had established with 15,000 troops in the Queen of Spain gave birth to a son on the 24th of January. An official dispatch says Prim, with 600 cavalry, had arrived at Barcelona, Forting, and declared his readiness to deliver up the horses and accoutrements to the Spanish Commissioners.

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